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Applicant: KONISHI et al.  
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Examiner: George WANG Art Unit: 2871

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Final Rejection of  
8 DEC. 2003, and request reconsideration.

## CLAIM REJECTION -- SECTION 103(a)

Claims 1-6 were finally rejected as obvious over FUJIHARA  
(previously cited) in view of ELLIS (previously cited) and  
NISHIKAWA (newly cited). This rejection replaces the previous  
rejection which was based on combining FUJIHARA only with ELLIS.

The Examiner has noted that FUJIHARA fails to disclose  
"a terminal forming area for connecting the gate or source line to  
at least one external signal source" (as recited in present claim  
1, lines 10-12) such that the first and second metallic lines are  
"connected to the terminal electrode via respective contact holes"  
(as recited in claim 1, lines 14-15). With the apparent intention  
of overcoming this "feature deficiency," the Office has cited  
NISHIKAWA for the first time. Although the wording added to  
claim 1 was given no patentable weight, it was nevertheless said,